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**New Schools Approved for Two Districts  
Construction Set to Begin in Four Others**

(PHOENIX, AZ – December 2, 2005) The Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) approved new schools for the Buckeye and J.O. Combs Elementary Districts at their monthly board meeting yesterday.

The schools were the first to be awarded as part of the FY06 Capital Plan Cycle, which will continue for the next six months. The cycle begins in early September when districts submit their requests for new construction. From that time on, SFB staff analyzes the requests taking into account factors such as current district capacity and projected growth.

Buckeye Elementary received a K-8 school for 800 students expected to open in Fall 2008. The cost of the project is \$8,752,128. J.O. Combs Elementary received two K-5 schools for 750 students each; those are expected to open in Fall 2006 and Fall 2007. The total cost of J.O. Combs' projects is \$15,777,450. These approvals will allow the districts to design their schools within the allocated budgets. Upon completion of design, the project will go before the Board again for approval to begin actual construction.

The Board also approved four districts to begin construction on their previously board-approved schools. They are:

Buckeye Elementary for a K-8 for 800 students at a total cost of \$8,330,409

Florence Unified for a K-8 for 1,100 students at a total cost of \$10,661,069

JO Combs for a 6-8 for 1,000 students at a total cost of \$10,097,666

Yuma Union High School District for a 9-12 for 1,800 students at a total cost of \$28,284,750

More construction approvals are anticipated at next month's meeting to be held January 5 in Phoenix.